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Units of the 23 Army Group, now stationed along the railroad from Iehsien (116-17, 37-27) to Shilchiachuang (114-26, 38-02), are reorganized and undergoing extensive training. The 36 Army is at Chiasien (115-02, 38-02), the 37 Army at Shulu (115-18, 37-51) and the 1 Cavalry Division at Hengshui (115-42, 37-44). The 6 Ordnance Department of the Supply and Service Command of the North China Military Area is equipping the 23 Army Group from the 4 Armament Warehouse, Taiyuan. Equipment to date includes 72 artillery pieces of various calibers, 200 light and heavy machine guns and 8,000 rifles. Preliminary reorganization and training were scheduled for completion at the end of August.

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